

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2011. In the office action, an Election/Restriction requirement was presented (additional to the previous Election/Restriction requirement).

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement, the Applicants elect the species of First region, Subspecies 1, that is, the species which the Examiner has characterized as being drawn to “wherein the first region comprises metallic granules.” The Applicants respectfully submit that all of previously elected claims 1, 2, 4, and 8-27 are readable on the elected species, as are previously withdrawn claims 3 and 5-7.

The Applicants also elect the species of Second region, Subspecies 1, that is, the species which the Examiner has characterized as being drawn to “wherein the second region comprises a metallic powder.” The Applicants respectfully submit that previously elected claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 12-27 are readable on the elected species, as are previously withdrawn claims 3 and 5-7.

In addition, new dependent claim 27 has been added, which expressly recites the features of the aforementioned elected species. To facilitate proceedings, these elections are made without traverse. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that currently pending claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 12-27 read on both of the elected species.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that upon allowance of independent claim 1, that the Examiner withdraw the election-of-species requirements, re-join claims 3, 5-7, and 10-11 in the above-identified application, and examine said claims.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 306.45851X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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